



One of Marvel's most popular monsters, Fin Fang Foom, first appeared in *Strange Tales* #89 (October 1962) and was subsequently reprinted in *Fantasy Masterpieces* #1 (April 1966).

This story is in three parts. Be sure to read each one!

Part 1



TODAY, INSIDE THE TOTALITARIAN REGIME OF RED CHINA, SCENES SUCH AS THIS OCCUR FREQUENTLY...



FASTER!
THE POLICE
ARE CATCHING
UP!

THE FREEDOM-LOVING
TRAITORS MUST BE SEIZED
AND PUNISHED!

BUT AS THEY RACE THROUGH THE NARROW WINDING ALLEYS, THE SERVANTS OF COMMUNIST TYRANNY SUDDENLY STOP DEAD IN THEIR TRACKS!



LOOK --
THAT WRITING
ON THE WALL!

(GASP) NO...
NO!!

FORGET ABOUT THE UNDERGROUND SWINE! THEY ARE OF NO IMPORTANCE! BUT THOSE **WORDS** -- THOSE **ACCURSED WORDS** -- WIPE THEM OFF THE WALL **IMMEDIATELY!**



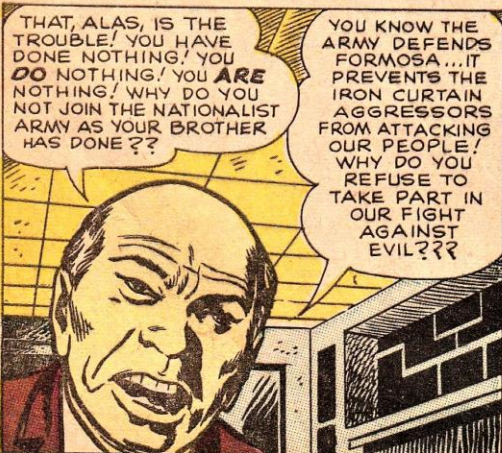
FIN FANG FOOM! WHAT **IS** IT? WHY DOES IT CAUSE SUCH TERROR IN THE CRAVEN HEARTS OF THE COMMUNIST POLICE? THE ANSWER IS A FANTASTIC STORY... AND I ALONE KNOW IT... FOR OF ALL LIVING MEN -- IT IS **MY** STORY!

I LIVE ON THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA... MY NAME IS CHAN LIUCHOW... MY MOTHER WAS AMERICAN... MY FATHER IS CHINESE... MY STORY BEGINS AT A TIME WHEN MY FATHER WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED IN ME...



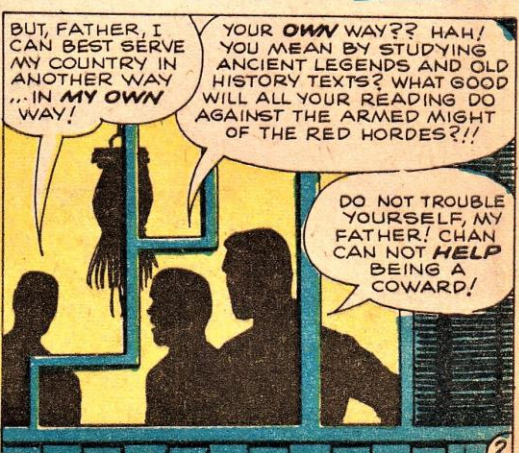
EVER SINCE YOUR HONORABLE MOTHER DIED, I HAVE DONE ALL I CAN TO MAKE YOU INTO A **MAN**... BUT I HAVE FAILED!

WHY DO YOU SPEAK SO HARSHLY TO ME, FATHER? I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG!



THAT, ALAS, IS THE TROUBLE! YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING! YOU **DO** NOTHING! YOU **ARE** NOTHING! WHY DO YOU NOT JOIN THE NATIONALIST ARMY AS YOUR BROTHER HAS DONE???

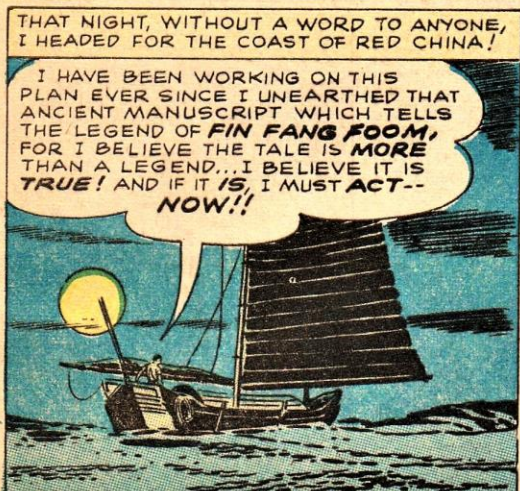
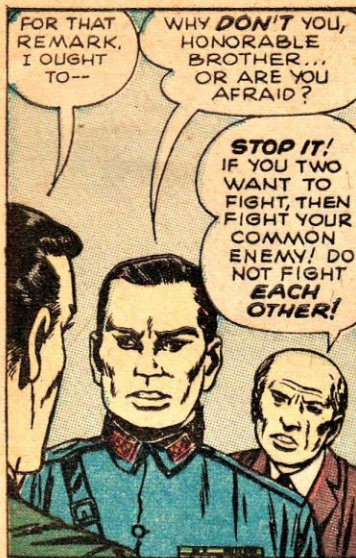
YOU KNOW THE ARMY DEFENDS FORMOSA... IT PREVENTS THE IRON CURTAIN AGGRESSORS FROM ATTACKING OUR PEOPLE! WHY DO YOU REFUSE TO TAKE PART IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST EVIL???



BUT, FATHER, I CAN BEST SERVE MY COUNTRY IN ANOTHER WAY... IN **MY OWN** WAY!

YOUR **OWN** WAY?? HAH! YOU MEAN BY STUDYING ANCIENT LEGENDS AND OLD HISTORY TEXTS? WHAT GOOD WILL ALL YOUR READING DO AGAINST THE ARMED MIGHT OF THE RED HORDES?!!

DO NOT TROUBLE YOURSELF, MY FATHER! CHAN CAN NOT **HELP** BEING A COWARD!



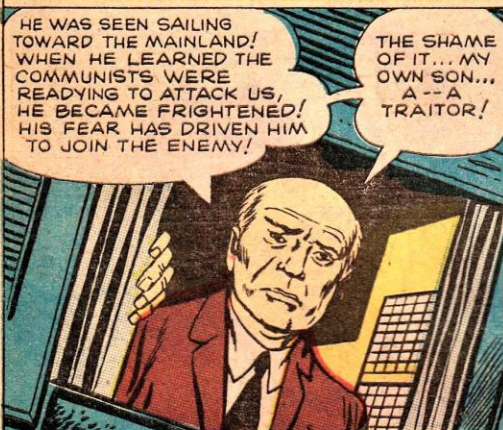
MOVING CAUTIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, I STOLE INLAND...



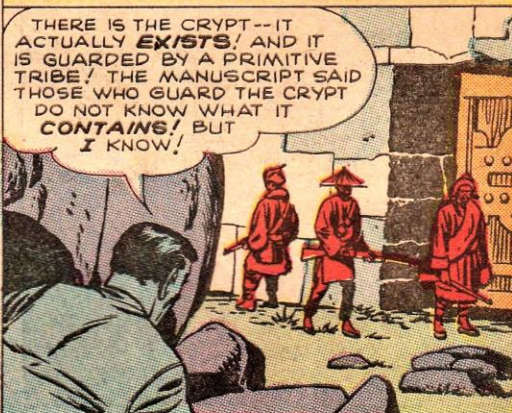
BY MORNING, I HAD PENETRATED THE RED MILITARY DEFENSES...



MEANWHILE, BACK ON FORMOSA, MY FATHER WAS IMAGINING THE WORST...



MANY MILES INLAND, I CAME TO THE LONELY, HILLY REGION SPOKEN OF IN THE ANCIENT WRITING...



I HAD TO GET INSIDE THE CRYPT! ACCORDING TO THE MANUSCRIPT, THE GUARDS WERE FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE UNDERGROUND VAULT, SO IF I COULD JUST RUSH PAST THEM...



SLAY HIM, YOU FOOLS! NONE MAY ENTER THE SACRED VAULT!



I MADE IT! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW HIM! ACCURSED ARE THOSE WHO ENTER THE UNDERGROUND CHAMBERS!



I DESCENDED INTO THE STRANGE, SUBTERRANEAN CHAMBERS, UNTIL I FOUND A TUNNEL!

THIS MUST BE THE TUNNEL THAT LEADS UNDER THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA! IN HERE SHALL I COME UPON --FIN FANG FOOM!



NOW, AS I NEARED THE END OF MY JOURNEY, I GREW TENSE AND FEARFUL! BUT TOO MUCH WAS AT STAKE! I DARED NOT BACK DOWN! I HAD TO GO ON AND ON ... UNTIL AT LAST ...

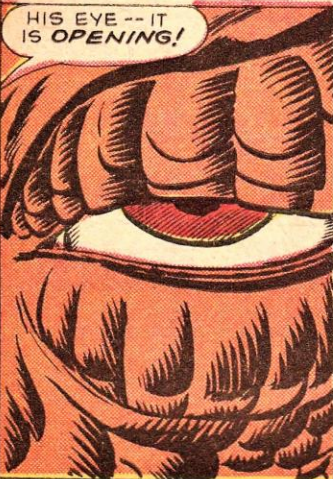
THERE HE IS! THE DRAGON CREATURE HIMSELF-- FIN FANG FOOM!



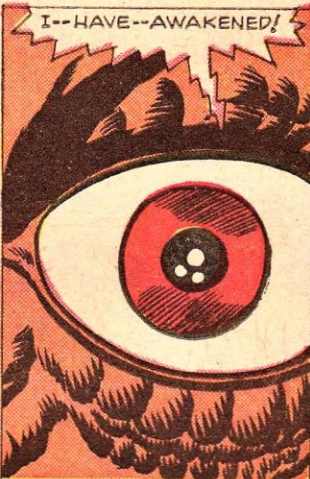
THE ANCIENT MANUSCRIPT DESCRIBED TWO KINDS OF HERBS! ONE, TO MAKE THE MONSTER SLEEP ... AND THE OTHER TO AROUSE HIM, BY BRUSHING IT AGAINST HIS LIPS ... LIKE THIS!



HIS EYE -- IT IS OPENING!



I--HAVE--AWAKENED!

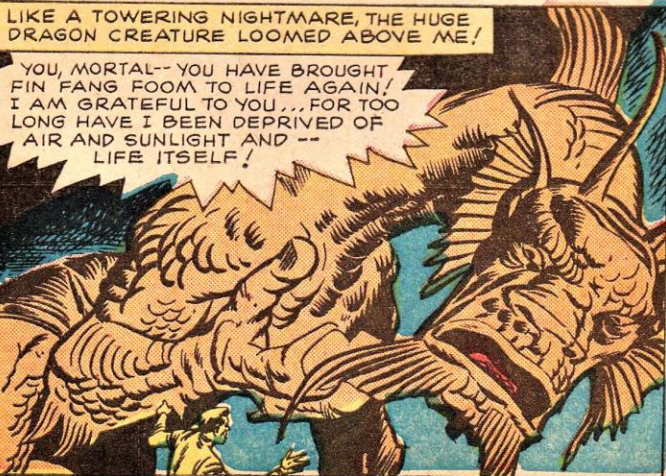


AFTER COUNTLESS CENTURIES, I LIVE AGAIN!



LIKE A TOWERING NIGHTMARE, THE HUGE DRAGON CREATURE LOOMED ABOVE ME!

YOU, MORTAL-- YOU HAVE BROUGHT FIN FANG FOOM TO LIFE AGAIN! I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU ... FOR TOO LONG HAVE I BEEN DEPRIVED OF AIR AND SUNLIGHT AND -- LIFE ITSELF!



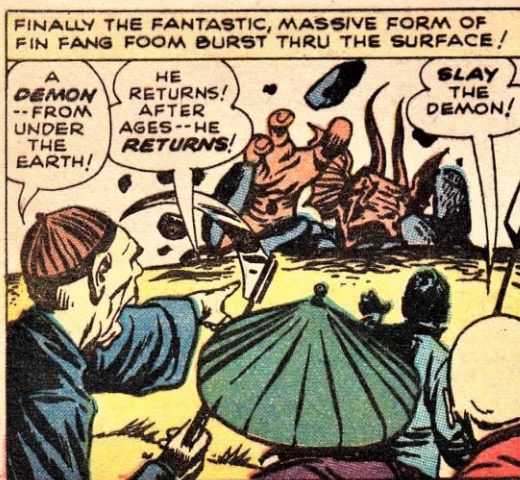
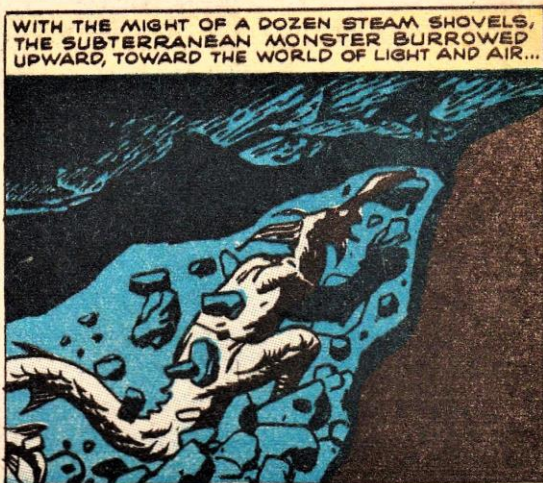
AND THEN CAME THE MOST DANGEROUS MOMENT OF MY LIFE ...

HEAR ME, MIGHTY CREATURE! I BROUGHT YOU TO LIFE WITH A MAGIC HERB! BUT I HAVE ALSO ANOTHER HERB WHICH WILL PUT YOU TO SLEEP AGAIN! AND NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN HOW HUGE AND UGLY YOU ARE, I HAVE DECIDED IT IS BEST FOR YOU TO SLEEP-- FOREVER!



YOU WOULD TAKE THE GIFT OF LIFE FROM ME? YOU-- YOU ARE MY ENEMY!!

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